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re Application of:

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For: A Method Of Depositing

Low K Barrier Layers

Group Art Unit: 2812

Examiner:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 4, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 4, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/6392C1/KMT, the fee of \$200 for one (1) excess independent claim fee and any other fees, including excess claim fee and extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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